

## THE FIRST BATTALION.

A Large Gathering Last Night at the Square.

BOYS WHO KNOW HOW TO DRILL.

A Great Time on Union Square—Very Few Absent—Commendable Work of the Boys—Colonel McLean Well Pleased—Additions to the Ranks.

What did the First Battalion of the National Guard of Hawaii do last night? Well, they just didn't do a thing but show the crowds on Union Square what the correct definition of drilling is.

Even before 7 o'clock the men of Companies A, B, C and E, constituting the First Battalion, collected in the drill hall preparatory to formation for the battalion drill. When the companies were formed it was found that only those with good excuses were absent.

Professor Berger had his band out in full force and every man was in excellent condition to blow a hard blow, but a sweet one. And the drum corps which followed the band seemed ready for the most intricate performances on the drum.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock the band, followed by the four companies, marched out of the shed and down to Union Square. Preceded by the band the battalion passed in review before Colonel McLean, every platoon showing a straight front and the distance between each one never varying. Perhaps in all previous drills the work of the men never showed to such good advantage as that of last night. Every officer seemed to be on the alert for any mistake on the part of the men. But they found occasion for few words. Colonel McLean's face beamed with pleasure as the last platoon passed by.

After review followed the dress parade in which Colonel McLean commanded. The manual of arms was performed as if by one soldier.

Then came the battalion drill commanded by Major McLeod. Up and down and all over the square marched the battalion performing the movements with precision and earning just commendation from the spectators. At 8:45 the battalion marched down King, up Fort, on to Hotel and back to the drill shed where the band played the "National Guard of Hawaii" and the men broke ranks.

Soda water flowed freely in the various company rooms.

Company A elected to membership, L. Berndt, formerly sergeant in Company F. Seven new members will be elected at the next meeting.

Company B elected two new members and did some other business.

Company C will elect eight new men at the next meeting.

### WE ARE TO HAVE A CABLE

Colonel Spalding Gets Every Encouragement.

Eastern Capitalists Willing to Support It—The Scheme Considered Good. President to Recommend Aid.

From private advices it is learned that Colonel Spalding has received great encouragement from the capitalists in the East regarding his cable scheme. The monied men of New York, Boston and Washington look upon a cable to Hawaii as an absolute necessity and should be built by American capital, even though it may not be a paying investment from the start.

Among the clubmen in New York and Washington the impression exists that operations will begin even before the time allowance expires. The reasons for the haste being due to the fact that Honolulu is fast being recognized as an important point both commercially and strategically. The fact that the situation in the Orient is as it is and with nothing to lead the people in the United States to feel that it will be permanently settled very soon brings to them a realization of the importance of a trans-Pacific cable.

President Cleveland has been spoken to on the subject and has expressed himself as favorable to the scheme, and from his remarks it is believed he will favor substantial assistance.

The news received are considered

favorable, and whatever doubt has been felt regarding the completion of the cable may be dispelled.

### A NEW GIBRALTAR.

Within a year it is confidentially expected the Straits of Fuca will echo the music of the shore guns at Esquimaux, Great Britain's new and most modern line of defences at the southern extremity of Vancouver Island. Never has a military undertaking in time of profoundest peace been prosecuted with stricter secrecy than the construction of these fortifications, and all that Victorians know about the marvelous system of protection at their doors might be told in a few brief paragraphs—that the new forts are designed for stern work, not for display; that their armament will be the most modern and best in the world; that submarine mines and torpedoes are a prominent feature; that the "forts" are located somewhere in the bowels of the earth between Point Macaulay and Esquimaux navy yard; that the magazines are stocked for siege if necessary, and that the work of construction is now nearly accomplished, and that of equipment has begun. How the forts look from the shore none can say save the uncommunicative officers in charge, for in the past two years the scene of operations has night and day been surrounded by a line of sentinels, to pass whom nothing less than an order from the Imperial War Office was required. The workmen, too, have been changed about, so that it would be impossible for any of them, even should he feel so inclined, to disclose the secrets of the stronghold. And not even the highest officers of the resident militia have as yet been admitted within the sacred precincts bounded by that faithful sentry line. In view of such an emergency the headquarter militia companies have, during the past year or so, been put through a course of special training by instructors from the Marine Royal Artillery, practical artillery work being given them, and their patriotic enthusiasm being strengthened by a cash bonus of 50 dollars to each man attending the gunnery classes. Besides this, a handsome new drill hall has been provided for them; they have been supplied with every military luxury and necessity, and have generally been dealt with on a scale of liberality that would simply astound any volunteer corps in eastern Canada. All of which points to but one conclusion.—Exchange.

### Hawaiian Preserves.

For some months past people in the States and in certain of the larger cities, such as Cleveland, Ohio, having tasted various Hawaiian fruits and the products thereof, have been discussing the advisability of extensive manufacturing and packing establishments in Honolulu. In the opinion of many of these, money invested in this manner would surely bring great profit. The facilities of the soil has been a subject also much discussed in connection with the proposed scheme of setting up establishments on the islands. By the Australia yesterday Mr. W. C. Weedon sent samples of poa and guava jelly, pineapple preserves, Kona coffee of three years' standing and pineapples, to parties in Cleveland, Ohio, as an experiment. In New York, Boston, San Francisco and other large cities, guava jelly has the reputation of ranking in the topmost shelf of jellies. Kona coffee is used by the principal restaurants in San Francisco.

### Duty on Molasses.

The present tariff levies a duty of two cents per gallon on molasses testing above 40 degrees and not above 56 degrees, and four cents per gallon on all testing above 56 degrees, and that molasses testing not above 40 degrees, polariscopic test, and containing 20 per cent. or less of moisture is free of duty. The Board of United States General Appraisers has rendered a decision that molasses testing under 40 per cent. and containing over 20 per cent. of moisture is dutiable at 20 per cent. ad valorem, as a "non-enumerated manufactured article."

All molasses from the Hawaiian Islands is free of duty under the reciprocity treaty.—American Exchange.

### He Had no Case.

"No," said the lawyer, decidedly, after the negro had told his story, "you have no case at all. You went to hear Miss Henrietta Dresser play Juliet and was thrown out of the theater on account of your color, but you cannot claim damages. If you had been obliged to remain I would take your case and

sue for not less than \$20,000. I have heard her myself."—Chicago Evening Post.

### Historical Society.

The Hawaiian Historical Society has just issued its third annual report containing some interesting matters for the public. The report of the corresponding secretary is valuable from the fact that it shows to what extent he has made research in his efforts to bring before the society matters connected with the history of the islands. The pamphlet contains, also reports of the librarian and treasurer, and two papers on the life of Kamehameha V, a brief sketch by Prof. W. D. Alexander, the second, Recollections of Kamehameha V by R. A. Lyman.

### A Strong Team.

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